

VISA FEES

Exchange of notes at Washington May 27 and 31, 1932

Entered into force June 10, 1932

*Made obsolete by agreement of December 12 and 30, 1952, and January 9, 1953*¹

Department of State files

The German Ambassador to the Secretary of State

[TRANSLATION]

GERMAN EMBASSY
St. D. F1 38

WASHINGTON, D.C.
May 27, 1932

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE:

I have the honor respectfully to acknowledge receipt of your kind note of May 23rd of this year (No. 811.11101 Waivers/62) and to inform you in reply that my Government has agreed to the proposed mutual agreement concerning the collection of a clerical fee of \$0.50 for the execution of visas without fee, with the proviso that such clerical fee shall be collected by both parties also from the category of "non-immigrants in the sense of Section 3(3) of the Immigration Act of 1924."²

The German Government has likewise agreed to the wish expressed over the telephone that the agreement in question take effect on June 10, 1932.

Accept, Mr. Secretary of State, the renewed assurance of my high esteem.

F. VON PRITTWITZ

His Excellency

Mr. HENRY L. STIMSON,
Secretary of State of the United States,
Washington, D.C.

The Secretary of State to the German Ambassador

MAY 31, 1932

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the Embassy's note dated May 27, 1932 (File St. D. Fi 38), in reply to the Department's communication of May 23, 1932,

¹ 4 UST 126; TIAS 2771.

² 43 Stat. 153.

in which it was suggested that, in view of the proposal of the German Government to charge a fee of fifty cents of persons visiting Germany as non-immigrants, a new reciprocal arrangement be effected to replace the existing arrangement between the Governments of the United States and of Germany relative to the waiver of non-immigrant visa fees.

It is noted that the German Government has agreed to the reciprocal arrangement suggested in the Department's communication referred to above, with the proviso that a visa fee of fifty cents shall be charged by each Government in the case of citizens of the other country who are non-immigrants within the meaning of Subdivision (3) of Section 3 of the Immigration Act of 1924, as well as in the case of non-immigrants within the meaning of Subdivision (2) of the same Section, and that the new agreement shall be effective on and after June 10, 1932.

It is understood, therefore, that the German Government has agreed to the following reciprocal arrangement:

"The Governments of the United States of America and of Germany agree that the reciprocal arrangement entered into by the two Governments effective from September 1, 1925, for the waiver of visa fees in the case of citizens of either country desiring to visit the other as 'non-immigrants' as defined by Section 3 of the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924, shall be terminated on June 9, 1932.

"The Government of the United States will, on and after June 10, 1932, collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of citizens of Germany desiring to visit the United States (including the insular possessions) who are 'non-immigrants' under Subdivisions (1), (4) and (5) of Section 3 of the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924; namely,

'(1) a government official, his family, attendants, servants and employees;
'(4) an alien lawfully admitted to the United States who later goes in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory;

'(5) a *bona fide* alien seaman serving as such on a vessel arriving at a port of the United States and seeking to enter temporarily the United States solely in the pursuit of his calling as a seaman;'

and from the same date the German Government will collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of citizens of the United States of like classes desiring to visit Germany.

"The Government of the United States will, on and after June 10, 1932, collect a fee of fifty cents for the issue of visas to citizens of Germany desiring to visit the United States (including the insular possessions) who are non-immigrants under Subdivisions (2) and (3) of Section 3 of the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924; namely,

‘(2) an alien visiting the United States temporarily as a tourist or temporarily for business or pleasure;

‘(3) an alien in continuous transit through the United States;’

and from the same date the German Government will charge a fee of fifty cents of citizens of the United States of a similar class desiring to visit Germany.”

The Department is pleased to inform the Embassy that the Government of the United States has agreed to the above arrangement, and that the necessary instructions are being sent to American diplomatic and consular officers abroad.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

WILBUR J. CARR

His Excellency

Herr FRIEDRICH W. VON PRITTWITZ UND GAFFRON,
Ambassador of Germany.